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Though time will pass and we shall part, this book will be an unbroken link in our chain of memories. If we look across the span of time covered in these pages, you will relive the happy days of yesterday.

Thus, we present this book to you. May your hearts be lighter and your lives be happier.

Shirley Shatteen

DEDICATION

In today's world, education is one of the most important functions in preparing us for tomorrow's world.

In thinking on the past twelve years we have spent in school, we vividly remember many individuals who have played a major role in making the road easier for us to trod. We are very grateful to them. This fact made it very difficult for us to make selections for our dedication. However, we feel justified in selecting Reverend W. D. Kent and the late, Mr. R. B. Butler, Sr.

The late Mr. Rufus Eugene Butler, Sr., was born in Camden County, December 12, 1882. He attended school at Georgia State Industrial College 1906, now Savannah State College, under President Richard Wright. He completed the course in Blacksmith and came to Statesboro in 1907 where he worked at his trade. He married Roxie Bell Millen in 1908. In this union, four boys and three girls were born.

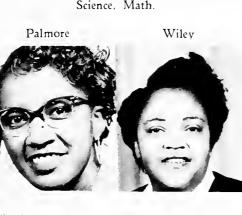
During the years he lived in Statesboro. Mr. Butler established himself as a leading citizen in religious and civic affairs. Space in this book will not permit us to list his many outstanding contributions.

Mr. Butler died on January 21, 1952, and since that time the City of Statesboro has commemorated his name by naming its only Negro Housing Project for him. To Mr. Butler, we say "Rest in peace", your name will live on.

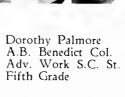
The Reverend W. D. Kent was born is Screven County May 14, 1909. He came to Statesboro and established an auto repair business. He married Elise Joyce in 1932 and they have a boy, presently in service, and a daughter now at Spellman College in Atlanta, Ga. Reverend Kent was ordained in 1939 and is Pastor of First A B. Church. His educational background includes volidation of high school work at Savannah State College. Reverend Kent today is one of our most respected men in religious and civic affairs. He is an untiring worker for our race and is now chairman of the Trustee Board of our school.

The names of these two men will always be dear to us and to them, we humbly dedicate this book.









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Never before in the history of this nation of our's has the challenge been greater for our young people to move at a more rapid pace toward the desired goals in education. Realizing the tremendous responsibility of leadership that someday will fall upon the shoulders of these young folk, should serve as a greater challenge to those of us who are now serving is leadership positions.

It is the sincere desire of this administration that the twelve years spent by our seniors in broadening their horizon of knowledge, will serve only as a stimulus that will motivate them to further their education. As our students who are left behind read this yearbook we sincerely hope that they will become inspired to the point of wanting to one day reach the goal attained by the seniors of 1955.

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By

Maggie Sue Fleming - Mary White - Alfreda King

Dear James High—you did your best And we shall strive to do the rest As we go on from day to day Along this trouble and toilsome way.

We're striving for a high and higher goal We hope to reach what we've been told; We pray that we get help in every way To help us every lonely hour and day.

We know as we walk this road of burden and strife It is you Dear James who prepared us for life: We have learned in our school How to apply the golden rule.

Our teachers have been working steady with us And we thank them for their loyalty and trust. Now our happy days have passed and we are leaving Now are the parting hours, and we are grieving.

The thirty-three members that are left in the class Have studied hard and made it at last; Now. Dear James High, our journey is through, Thus ends our stay, Dear James High with you.

CLASS SONG

By

Cecil Montgomery — Mattie Latimer — Alfreda King Betty Mincey

The bus is at the end at last: The eager pupils mounting fast: And waving hands in chorus we sing Bood-bye, Good-bye to William James.

To shops and classrooms, floor and lawn. To basketball courts we played upon, To auditorium, campus and bells that ring, Good-bye, Goodbye to all these things.

And fare fare you well for evermore, O blackboard at the class room door, O classroom where memories cling Good-bye, Good-bye to William James.

Toot! Goes the horn and off we go The yard and building smaller grow Last round the busy turn we sing Good-bye, Good-bye to everything.



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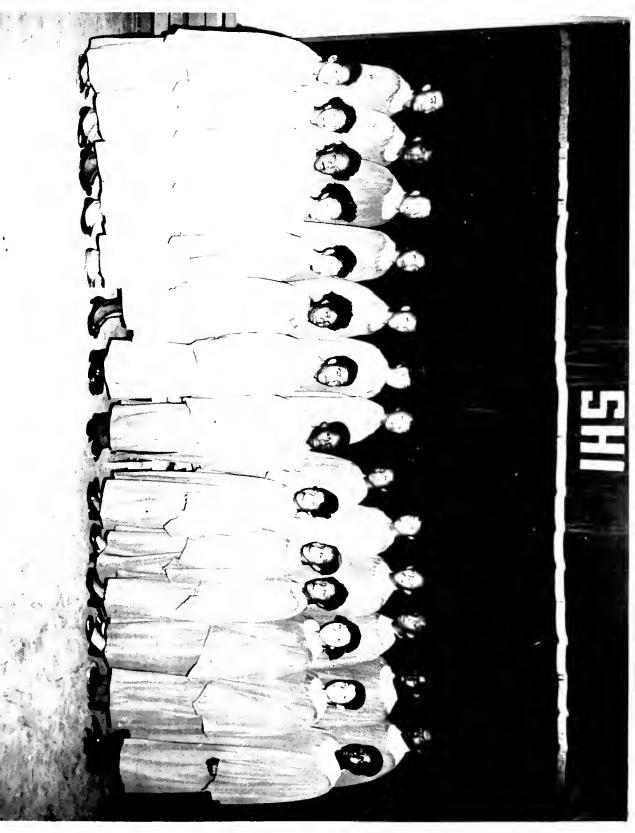
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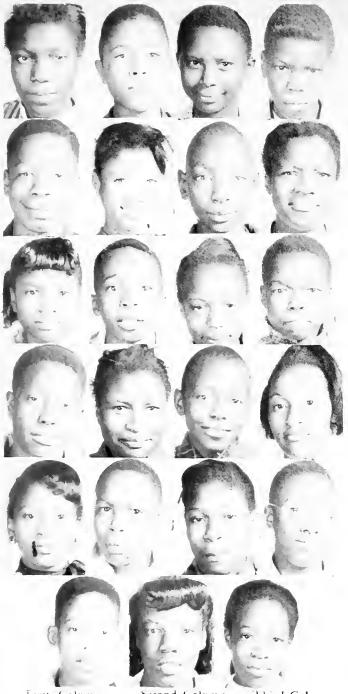
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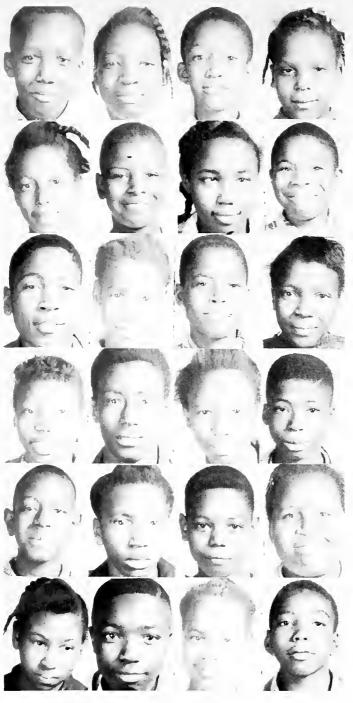
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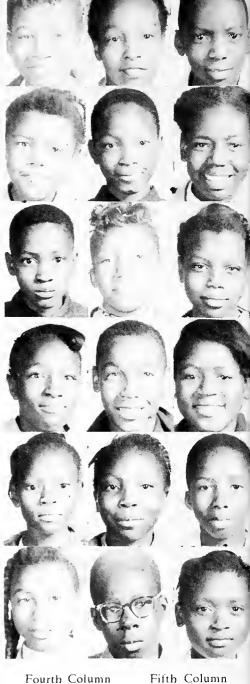
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Hazel Lee - Lila Jones - Vernon Pryor, Attorneys at Law

Willie Mae Odom wills Dorothy Sue Martain her hair and personality.

Mattie Bell Latimer wills Christine Tremble her ability to sing.

Ardena Mae Jackson wills Gloria Poole her ability to speak.

Elease Holt wills Earlie Mae Fields her vocabulary

Catherine Washington wills Berda Mae Lovett her ability.

Vernon Pryor wills his dreamy eyes to Willie A. Evans.

Joseph R. Polk wills Edward Wilder his ability to act civilized and be cool.

Clara King wills the Junior class her pretty legs.

Corine Tremble wills Sallie Tremble her beautiful brown eyes.

Maggie Sue Fleming wills Geneva Johnson her shape from top to bottom.

Janie Lou Hill wills Lulu Mae Davis her beautiful hair.

Cleave E. Mincey wills Dorothy Andrews her little dimple.

Shirley Shateen wills the Junior class boys his ability to attract girls attention.

Edwin James wills his athletic ability and mustache to Grant Wilder.

Lila Jones wills her personally to Margaret Smith.

Melrose Johnson wills her height to Joan Moore.

Lucye Butler wills Levennia Bennett her quietness in class and personality.

Malinda Lee wills Bernice Riggs her little short skirt.

Wendell Wooten wills James Donaldson his looks and personality.

Marguriete Plummer wills Shirley M. Jones her ability to act cool, while being around young men so that it will not appear that she is too aggressive.

Betty J. Mincey wills Alma Hendley her beautiful white teeth.

Anna Scott wills Floria Mae Allen her eyeglasses.

Arnita Drummond wills Eva Burns a tooth, and her ability to play basketball.

James Brown said he was sorry that he didn't have anything to will anyone. He is a very poor boy we feel very sure that everyone has what he has to give.

Cecile Montgomery wills her ability to play a trombone to Vondell Lovett.

Jean Marie Bazemore wills her conduct to Yvonne Wright.

Hazel Marie Lee wills Cleo Hall her pleasing personality and her abiity to co-operate in school activities, hoping, wishing, and praying that he will use them in the coming year.

Ida Ruth Roberson wills Doretha Lester her shape.

Alfreda King wills her ability to get a lot of friends to Elouies Plummer.

Johnnie Groover wills his personality to Sam Jones.

Willie Hall wills his height to Eva Mae Burns.

Mary E. White wills Viletta Sneed her face and her feet,

We, the Senior Class will Mr. Jackson, our home room teacher, to the Jr. Class. We hope you will give him the same good treatment we have given him during the past four years.

We also will to our good principal Mr. R. P. Jordan, a bigger and better school. We know he will do a marvelous job, just as he has been doing for the past five years.

We will to the faculty, good luck. We will to the student body, successs in your studies.

CRYSTAL BALL

Ву

Willie Mae Odom - Corine Trimble

Here it is now 1965, ten years since the senior class of "55" graduated from the William James High School.

I have got my training as being a stenographer, and I am looking up my class mates because I would like to type their life History. As I enter Savannah I find Corine at the Georgia Infirmary hospital. She has a job as registered nurse and under her she has several students.

Now, I move on down to West Broad Street and there sits Lucye Buttler typing away at her typewriter. secretary to Mr. Big.

Then, I move on down to Dick's place on West Broad Street, I find Clara King there. She has a lot of cats shaking on their feet with her cool "Snake hip Boogie."

As I happen to stop by Madam Cargo's place I find Catherine Washington there with her beautiful face. She has Shirley Shatteen there, trying to grow his hair. As you know, he has become bald from being a dentist.

I decide to come to Statesboro, my old home town. There I find Jannie Hill at the William James High School teaching Home Economics, and a course in Biology.

I move on to East Main Street, there I find Lena Bell, dead tired on her feet. She has several piles of news to get straightened out in her newspaper office.

I move on out to the Ebony club, where I find Mattie Bell. She has people almost insane with a beat number, "Cool Your Heels." Oh, what's that? I see it now, It's a Television station! Well, who do you think I'll find there—Rev. Wendell Wooten, seems as tho he is disgusted with himself.

I move on to the telephone office. I find Marguriete Plummer, there eavesdropping as usual, in someone's conversation.

I move on to Elm Street where I find Malinda. She has Cleave Ester there, trying to find a style suitable for her hair. Cleave has become gray from nursing, and Malinda, "don't know how to fix gray hair."

I move on to L. & K. garage, I find Joseph. He has just completed a motor job.

I move on almost to Portal, I find Hazel Lee teaching Home Economics at Willow Hill.

I go into the music department and find Anna has a very nice class on the go.

I go to the elementary department and find Elese Holt trying to get her first graders in place.

Six years from now I can see Arnita, Ida Ruth. Mary White, Maggie Sue, Betty J. Mincey, and Alfreda King as graduate nurses, working in a New York hospital.

I can see Melrose six years from now in her Chemistry laboratory trying out her experiments on snake gravy.

I can see Cecile Montgomery at the Morris Brown College directing the band.

While thinking, I have come to the conclusion that Vernon Pryor will be a Radio Technician in about five years. He is slow but show. I'm hoping that he will come and get my radio.

I presume Ardena Mario Jackson will become a nice housewife after she gets her training as a stenographer. I have a feeling that she will be scolding her husband, telling him, "I will not have your mother in my house running my affairs. It's been tried a million times and hasn't worked ever. No, darling, I am sorry."

I had a dream last week that Edwin James, and James Brown were Radio and Television Technicians. I will let them fix my radio, but not my Television.

Willie Hall, please don't go to the Air Force. Because you are tall enough! Please don't get any higher.

Jean and Lila will be teaching Biology at William James five years from today. I will come two thousand miles to see them teach.

I can see Johnny Groover a year from now with a nice family. on a big farm. Hope that he will make some large sweet Potatoes.

We want to keep searching and see if these dreams come true.

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MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED-Arnita Drummond, Edwin James

SMARTEST—Melrose Johnson, Eswin James

MOST VERSATILE-Mary E. White, Willie Hall

BEST ACTOR-Ardrena M. Jackson, Joseph R. Polk

BEST SPEAKER-Catherine Washington, Johnnie Groover

BEST ATHLETE-Lila M. Jones, Edwin James

BEST SINGER-Mattie Latimer, James Brown

MOST RELIGIOUS-Hazel Lee, Marguriete Plummer, Johnnie Groover

BEST PERSONALITY—Catherine Washington, Willie M. Odom, Willie Hall

MOST COOPERATIVE-Ida R. Roberson, Wendel Wooten

QUIETEST-Lila M. Jones, Willie Hall

MOST INDIFFERENT-Shirley Shatteen

BEST DRESSED—Cecile Montgomery, Shirley Shatteen

BEST DANCER—Cecile Montgomery, James Brown

CURLIEST HAIR-Jannie Hill. Elsie Holt, Vernon Pryor

TALLEST-Mattie B. Latimer, Willie Hall

SHORTEST-Lena Roberson, Corine Trimble, Joseph Polk

GREATEST FILLIBUSTER—Maggie Fleming, James Brown

BEST SENSE OR HUMOR-Alfrida King, Wendel Wooten

BEST LOOKING-Mary White, Jean Bazemore, Vernon Pryor

SMALLEST-Corine Trimble, Joseph Polk

BIGGEST CLOWN—Clara King, Shirley Shatteen

BIGGEST FLIRT-Maggie Fleming, Jean Bazemore, Joseph Polk

FUNNIEST-Malenda Lee, Johnnie Groover

ALL SENIOR GIRLS — BOYS MOST POPULAR



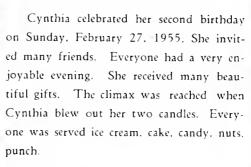
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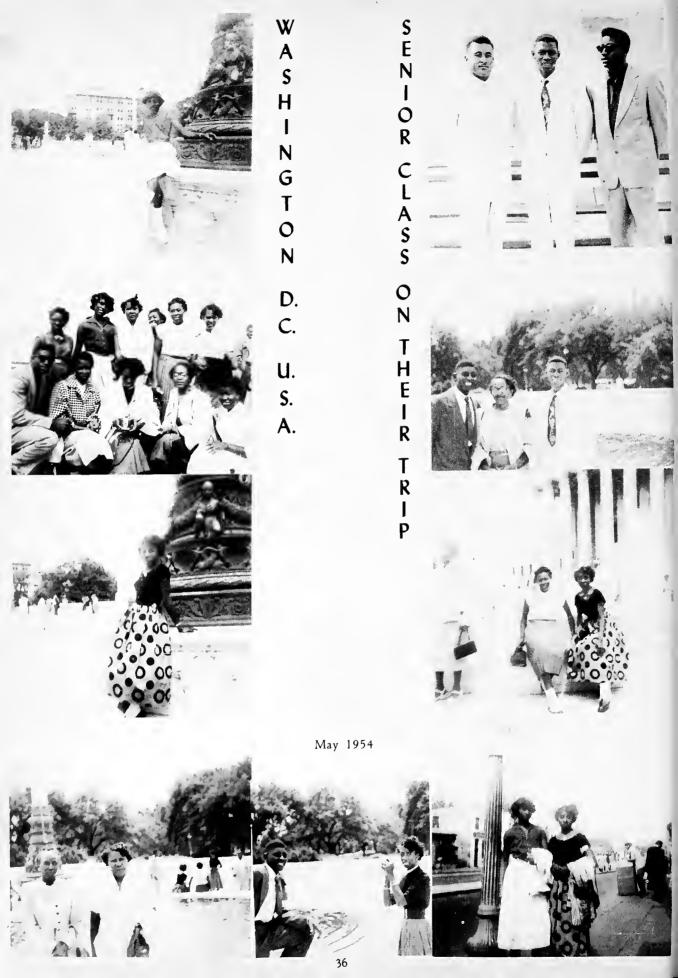
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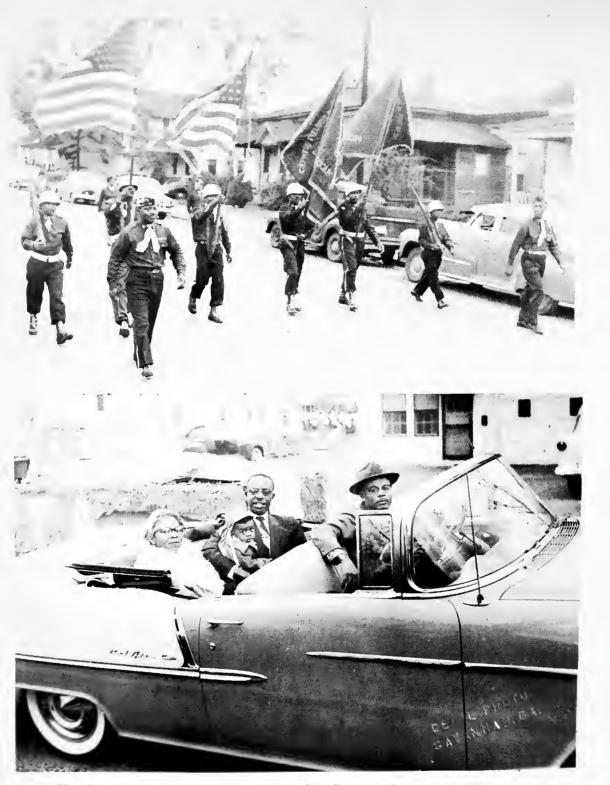




R. R. Butler, Jr., Ath. Dir. L. M. Wiley, Basketball P. A. Jackson, Jr., Football Marilyn Jackson Joyce Wiley

Top photograph was taken during game with Jesup which was first game for the William James Bulldogs. Shown with coaches of both teams are the captains and officials. The football team made plenty of progress their first season.

Other photographs show our basketball team in action.



The American Legion begins the gala day with "Forward March."

Principal R. P. Jordan, Sr., Mrs. Jordan and Robert Jr., and Mr. Roy Munlin are now ready to take their position among the many floats in this gigantic parade of 6 bands and 10 marching units.



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Capt. Elbridge Donaldson, "Miss William James" (Melrose Johnson) and Capt. Cecil Brack.

"Miss Homecoming" (Cleo Mincey), Yvonne Wright are given plenty of protection by Willie Gant, leading ground gainer and fullback, Lonnic Young, star guard, Bobby Donaldson "Mr. Left Halfback" and leading pass receiver, and Rufus Richard, end.

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PROGRAM



James Smith, Eloise Love, Marvelyn Lewis, Mildred Donaldson, Lois Parrish, Carol Stewart and Charles Mincey.

Janie Hill, Melrose Johnson, Maggie Fleming, Eulee Holloway, Grace Coleman. Catherine Washington and Mattie Latimer.





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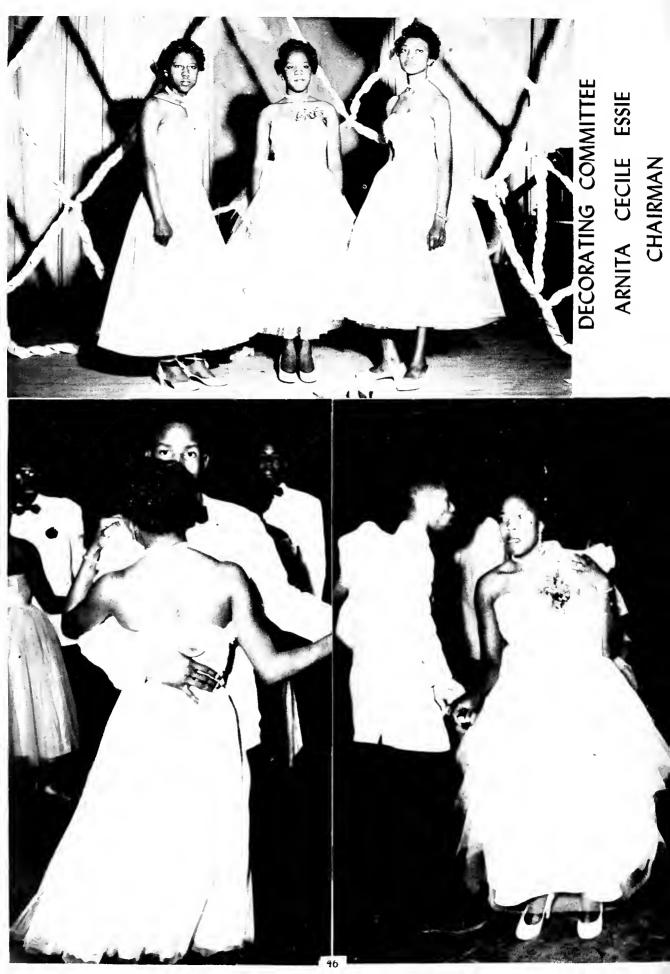
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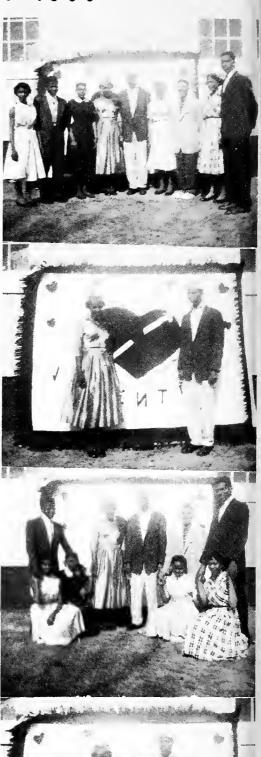
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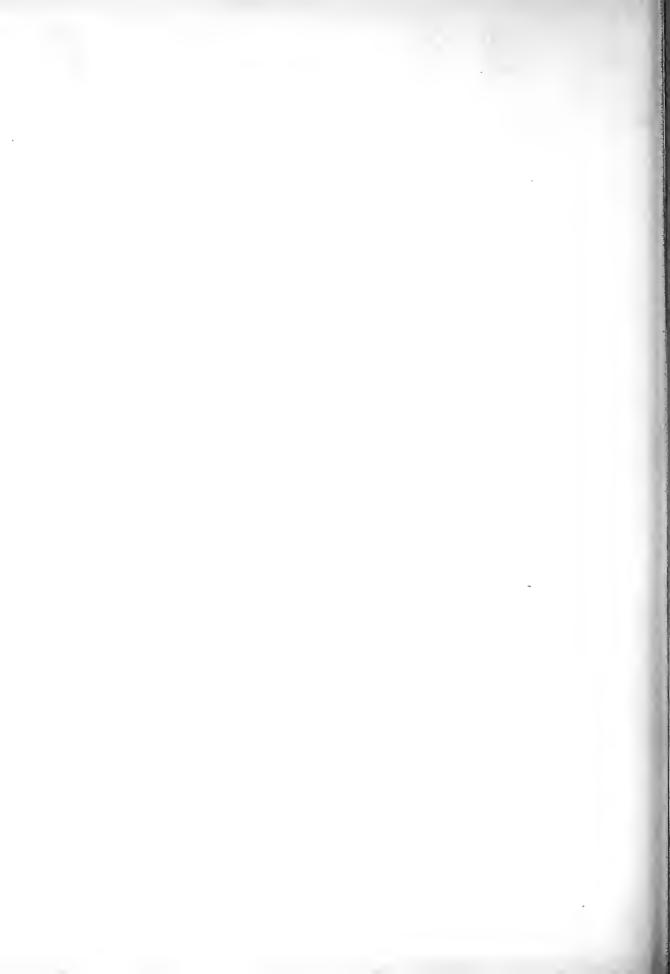
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It is my sincere hope that all of you who have contributed to this annual and have helped to make this class of "55" a success, will accept my thanks. Without you, I could not have succeeded. I know the class of "55" will always be grateful to you and the many who have helped them during the past four years.

Prince Jackson M.











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